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The EPA was in Alaska last week, gathering information and meeting with the public to discuss the effects of large-scale development in the Bristol Bay waters and wetlands. The Anchorage Daily News weighed in with an editorial praising the EPA's rigorous, science-based approach to the issue of mining at the cradle of the world's largest salmon run. The ADN says Alaskans won't trade fish for minerals and that we need to get this right the first time.

Alaska Airlines magazine gave a firsthand look at the jobs and local economy fueled by salmon in Bristol Bay and an inside glimpse at the world of commercial fishing and salmon processing.

A guest opinion in the Anchorage Daily News asks why the Pebble Partnership is suing the tiny Lake and Peninsula borough to stop a citizens' initiative putting large scale resource extraction within the borough to a vote of the people. The writer asks why Pebble is working so hard to stifle the voice of locals if, as it keeps saying, it's offering something they want.

Thirteen young students at the Bristol Bay Fly Fishing and Guide Academy are learning the sweet art of flycasting and what it takes to be a guide, as well as about fish biology and conservation.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Our View: EPA and Pebble Mine

Editorial

Anchorage Daily News also in McClatchy DC and Sacramento Bee

Dennis McLerran, regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, said, "this is going to be a huge decision for the agency." Amen. In Alaska this week for an intensive look at and study of the Bristol Bay watershed, McLerran said the EPA is doing a "pre-study" to decide if the agency should do a more formal review under a section of the Clean Water Act... [Click here to read more](#)

Alaska Airlines Magazine profiles Bristol Bay Commercial Fishing

Save Bristol Bay Blog

Alaska Airlines magazine's June edition delivers an insider's look into the world of Bristol Bay commercial salmon fishing and how it keeps the whole region's economy humming. Seattle-based writer Eric Lucas spent time on a gillnetter last summer and helped pluck the sockeye from the mesh and toss them into the hold... [Click here to read more](#)

Should developing Pebble Mine be put to a vote?

Margaret Bauman

Alaska Dispatch

Lake and Peninsula Borough officials are finding themselves caught in the crossfire over an initiative brought by a citizens group aimed at halting development of large scale mining activities within the borough. The Pebble Limited Partnership has filed a motion in Alaska Superior Court in Anchorage asking the court to move for summary judgment to keep the proposed "Save Our Salmon" Initiative off of the borough's election ballot... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble Partnership suit could stifle Bristol Bay residents

Shannyn Moore

Anchorage Daily News

In April, a group of concerned Bristol Bay citizens filed a petition with the Lake and Peninsula Borough. The Save our Salmon initiative is designed to give locals a voice in decisions about large-scale industrial development... [Click here to read more](#)

13 Bristol Bay residents train as fly fishing guides

The Bristol Bay Times and Alaska Newspapers

Thirteen young area residents considering careers as sport fish guiding will embark on an eight-day adventure on Sunday as participants in the third annual Bristol Bay Fly Fishing and Guide Academy at an upscale fishing lodge near King Salmon... [Click here to read more](#)

A lesson from Japan

Dwight Blackburn, Anchorage

Letter to Editor

Anchorage Daily News

I was reading an article about the Japanese nuclear reactor destroyed by the tsunami. I couldn't help but think of what might happen if the Pebble mine project is approved and then we are struck by a large earthquake... [Click here to read more](#)

High Speed Buzz Line

Naomi Klouda

Homer Tribune

Crews tore into a small portion of Bishop's Beach last week to lay the foundation cable for a broadband link that will connect 65 western Alaska villages in an historic telecommunications project... [Click here to read more](#)

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